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In the Specification:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 3, amend claims 1, 2, 4, 7 and 18, and add new claims 24-30

as follows:

1. (Amended) A foam construction block comprising:

a rectangular molded block of foam forming at least one horizontally-extending void and at least one vertically-extending void, at least one of the vertically-extending voids extending between the top and bottom surfaces of said block and being tapered along its length,